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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: ARMY HOUSING

REF: (A) STATE 049731, (B) LAGOS 2393

1. ECON COUNSELOR HELD MEETINGS TODAY WITH SEVERAL LEADING ARMY AND MOD OFFICIALS INCLUDING ARMY QMG BAJOWA AND MOD PRINCIPAL SECRETARY LAKIN-SMITH TO RESOLVE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF (A).

2. AS STATED IN REF (B) ONLY TWO CONSULTANCY CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED, RESPECIVELY TO CE-TEC AND PRC.

3. NOT RPT NOT CHOSEN, BUT CONSIDERED AS RESPECTABLE ALSO-RANS, ARE KIDDE, EPSTEIN AND HOLLE/GRAFF. ACCORDING TO MOD, IF SOME NEED DEVELOPS IN FUTURE QTE THEY MAY BE CALLED UPON BUT IN NO WAY SHOULD THEY THINK THERE EXISTS ANY COMMITMENT. UNQTE SITUATION IS SIMILAR AT BEST TO QTE STAND-BY LIST. UNQTE THE OTHER BIDDERS APPARENTLY WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

4. SCENARIO NOW CALLS FOR REVIEW AND SELECTION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS. AFTER AWARD OF THESE CONTRACTS, DIMENSIONS OF PROJECTS MAY MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR CE-TEC AND PRC TO TAKE ON ONE OR MORE AFORE-MENTIONED THREE QTE ALSO-RANS UNQTE TO ASSIST IN A SUBORDINATE CAPACITY. ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH, IN BOJOWA'S VIEW, IS ASSIGNMENT OF THESE FIRMS TO SUPERVISORY DUTIES IN SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS WHILE OVERALL DIRECTION WOULD COME FROM CE-TEC AND PRC IN LAGOS. MOD SPOKESMEN, WHO

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CHARGED WITH FINAL DECISION, HOWEVER, WARN AGAINST ANY

ASSUMPTION AT THIS TIME.

5. MOD WISHES TO GET PROJECT MOVING, EXPRESSES VERY HIGH SATISFACTION WITH PRC, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO ARRIVAL FOTI AND BRONSON ON 3/5.

6. WE NOT ARRANGING CONSTRUCTION INTERVIEWS WITH QMG AND STAFF FOR WESTERN CONSTRUCTION, MESSERSCHMIDT DEVELOPMENT CORP, AND HORN CONSTRUCTION CO. (ASSOCIATED WITH MILTON LEWIS HOWARD).
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